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## **GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC VIEW**

### **Top US general says more troops needed in Afghanistan**

Associated Press, Feb. 9

General John Nicholson, The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan says he needs a "few thousand" more troops to properly train and advise the Afghan military.

### **Top inspector: New Afghan soldier tracking system protects U.S. investments**

DVIDS, Feb. 8

The personnel asset inventory documents unit personnel and was established by Combined Security Transition Command – Afghanistan to ensure proper accountability.

### **International Red Cross suspends activities in Afghanistan**

The Washington Post, Feb. 9

The international Red Cross on Thursday temporarily suspended its activities in Afghanistan following an attack that killed six of its employees the previous day in a northern province.

## **DRONES**

### **IS drone attacks on liberated areas of Mosul leave 20 casualties**

Iraqi News, Feb. 8

A security source in Nineveh Province declared that a person was killed, while 19 others were wounded by a drone attack carried out by the Islamic State on the liberated areas in the city of Mosul.

### **ISIS's Drone Papers Revealed**

The Daily Beast, Feb. 9

At a former jihadist-run facility in Mosul, Iraq, researchers uncovered a cache of documents that show how the so-called Islamic State buys, builds, and deploys unmanned aircraft.

### **Beyond the Buzz: Assessing the Terrorist Drone Threat**

Stratfor, Feb. 9

The Islamic State is taking to the skies as the fight for Mosul wears on.

### **Afghan official: NATO drones kill 11 Islamic State fighters**

Associated Press, Feb. 9

An Afghan official says NATO drone strikes killed 11 Islamic State militants, including two senior commanders, in the eastern Nangarhar province.

## **COUNTER-IED**

### **Avenger joins EOD fray**

IHS Jane's 360, Feb. 9

Med-Eng has launched a new unmanned ground vehicle (UGV) focused on explosive ordnance disposal (EOD).

## **CYBER**

### **After cracking the US military, HackerOne gets \$40 million in funding**

Verge, Feb. 8

HackerOne announced a Series C financing round of \$40 million. The company will use the funds "to invest further in technology development, expand market reach, and continue to strengthen the world's largest and most diverse hacker community.

## **WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS**

### **WMC: Security forces detonate car bomb in eastern Mosul**

Iraqi News, Feb. 9

Iraqi Ministry of Defense's War Media Cell detonated a car bomb in the eastern side of the city of Mosul.

### **Militant mortar attacks, blast leave 13 Syrians dead, scores injured**

PressTV, Feb. 9

More than a dozen people, including an aid worker, have been killed and several others injured in a series of mortar attacks and a bombing.

## **THREAT NETWORKS**

### **ISIS Distributes Suicide Bomb-Making Instructional Videos on Social Media Channels**

Heavy, Feb. 8

Islamic State terrorist channels have released "how to" videos for would-be suicide bombers on their encrypted chat networks and public social media sites.

### **ISIL in West Mosul Faces Choice: Surrender or Die, OIR Spokesman Says**

DoD News, Feb. 8

Terrorists with ISIL in the western part of Iraq face two options: surrender or die, the spokesman for Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve told Pentagon reporters.

### **Islamic State threatens more attacks in Afghanistan as US hits militants in eastern province**

Stars and Stripes, Feb. 9

The Islamic State group threatened "more devastating" attacks against Afghan courts two days after a bombing outside the country's Supreme Court killed 21 people and injured dozens more.

### **IS Pamphlets in Pakistan Border Areas Try to Create Panic**

Voice of America, Feb. 9

Militant group Islamic State has threatened to target Shi'ites living in certain northern areas of Pakistan.

### **This is why the Islamic State shocks the world with its graphically violent imagery**

The Washington Post, Feb. 9

The Islamic State shocked the world with its use and publication of graphic violence. Its coordinated media apparatus and social-media campaigns have been widely discussed and studied, but little is actually known about its media strategy.

### **Islamic State links to Philippine militants 'very strong': minister**

Reuters, Feb. 9

The Philippines is certain of "very strong" links between Islamic State and home-grown militants and is concerned about regional repercussions from tension between China and the new U.S. administration, Manila's defense minister said.